



Heritage to Horizons...

Commemorating 60 years of
Air and Space Power

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AF Week Atlanta Team Proves Wishes Do Come True!

Eight-year old Matthew Vroman was commissioned as one of the youngest honorary pilots ever at Dobbins ARB, GA by Col Heath Nuckolls, 94 AW/CC. Matthew, from the Make-A-Wish Foundation, donned a custom flight suit (complete with AF60 Patch), flew a C-130 Simulator, checked out an F-22 cockpit and even "coined" other Airmen!

AF/CVAT UPDATES

AF60 SPIs

The Air Force 60th Anniversary Sales Promotional Items have all been distributed! Incorporating AF60 footballs, stickers, pins, pens, mouse pads and golf balls in your events is a big hit—and great way to support recruiting and promote awareness of the Air Force 60th Anniversary.

Shows to symposiums, sporting events to picnics.

A number of base visual information offices have been contacted about submitting footage for this video. If you have footage you would like to submit please contact:

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This letter can be found on the AF60 Community of Practice in the "Messages, Themes and Speeches" folder. If you have any questions about the appropriate use and placement of this AF60 letter, please contact the Air Force 60th Anniversary team:

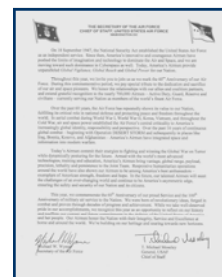
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AF60 Wrap-Up Video

The AF60 Team is preparing a wrap-up video of 60th Anniversary events Air Force-wide for historical archives. The video will highlight the events and activities that took place throughout the year—from Air

Commemorative Letter

Secretary of the Air Force, Michael Wynne, and Air Force Chief of Staff, General T. Michael Moseley, have signed an Air Force 60th Anniversary letter for use in local publications and air show /event programs.



AF60 Snapshots

**Crystal City Bike Race**

Air Force cyclists led the mens' pro riders on a parade lap that took them by the Air Force Memorial in Arlington, VA on 16 Jun. The Air Force presented this inaugural cycling event in Crystal City in honor of the Air Force 60th Anniversary.

**AF60 on FOX News**

Brian Kilmeade, co-host of FOX News Channel's daily FOX & Friends show, wished the Air Force a happy 60th birthday while troops from Wright-Patterson AFB displayed an anniversary flag to a nationwide TV audience. FOX & Friends broadcast live from the base during their 8 Jun show.



Dobbins AFB held a "Heritage to Horizons" Essay Contest (for students ranging from elementary school through high school) promoting the Air Force 60th Anniversary and AF Week Atlanta. The winning entries from each level won a \$2,500 scholarship - others received gift certificates and other prizes.

AROUND THE AIR FORCE

Turner Classic Movie Channel

Leading up to the Air Force's 60th anniversary, Turner Classic Movies will broadcast aviation-themed films for 24-hours each Tuesday throughout July.

To honor the Air Force's heritage, TCM selected a variety of vintage Air Force-related movies for broadcast, such as "Strategic Air Command" and "Winning Your Wings," both starring Jimmy Stewart, a WWII B-24 bomber pilot and former spokesman for the Air Force Association. Read more about this unique commemoration here:

<http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123058038>

POW/MIA

The National League of Families of POW/MIA met in Crystal City, VA for their annual conference. As this year's conference coincided with the 60th Anniversary of the Air Force, the league, with AF60 assistance, designed a special display acknowledging the

sacrifice of POW/MIA families in the Air Force's 60 year history. The display was viewed by more than 400 conference attendees.

AF Week Sacramento

The Air Force Week program landed in Sacramento with great fanfare. Amazed onlookers at the State Capitol on 4 Jun witnessed a flyover of a KC-135, two F-16's and a U-2. Local ABC News affiliate News10 caught the AF60 message and encouraged viewers to support the approximately 330,000 men and women from California serving in the military. Sacramento's main newspaper, *The Sacramento Bee*, ran an article highlighting local Airmen and also recognized the Air Force's 60th Anniversary. Air Force Week Sacramento concluded with the popular Capitol Air Show at Mather Field.

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The RI National Guard held its 16th Annual Air Show on 23-24 Jun. During the show, the RI ANG accepted a brand new C-130J,

and Mr Gene Kranz, mission director on the Apollo 13 mission, took part in official ceremonies. The Guard proudly displayed the AF60 Exhibit, a huge 20' x 20' AF60 Banner and AF60 flags on the runway and show center!

Paris Air Show

From 18-24 Jun, aviation enthusiasts flooded Le Bourget Airport to attend the 47th International Paris Air Show. The Air Force Exhibit, highlighting the 60th Anniversary, was one of more than 2,000 exhibits from 42 countries. In addition, a range of US aircraft and approx. 70 aircrews worldwide flew to Paris to participate in the event.



AF60 SPOTLIGHT

National Air & Space Museum's Udvar-Hazy Family Day

The 60 year history of the United States Air Force was front and center at the recent "Reach for the Sky" Family Day at the National Air and Space Museum's Udvar-Hazy Center.

The event, attended by more than 17,000 visitors, paid tribute to the Air Force's 60th Anniversary commemoration. It featured a "Living Legends" panel of current and former Airmen to talk about their experiences as well as static displays of trainers, mobility and combat aircraft.

In addition to the compelling Living Legends discussion, there were other engaging events, many of them targeted towards young children.



Ten USAF aircraft were on display on the Udvar-Hazy ramp.

"A lot of the kids were drawn to the uniformed Airmen at the AF Exhibit," said Anna Kelner, CVAT POC for the event. "I think they were first curious to meet real pilots and second, to hear the pilots describe first hand the experience of flying through the air."

In addition to the exhibits, the Air Force had 10 aircraft on the museum's ramp including the KC-135, F-16, C-17, A-10, UH-1 and several trainers. The flight crews were able to interact one-on-one with many young people- the pilots and Airmen of tomorrow.

AF60 SPOTLIGHT(CONT.)

The Smithsonian staff and AF officials were pleased by the enthusiastic reaction of the families who visited and connected with Airmen past and present.

"Talking with flight crews and maintainers first hand is a great way to learn about the Air Force and its people," said Col Ben Hulsey, Director of the Air Force 60th Task Force.

"Everyone who attended Family Day came away with a better understanding of our rich history and a deeper admiration for the contributions of Airmen in the Global War on Terror."



Airmen, families and wannabe-pilots learn about the USAF, planes and aviation first-hand at NASM's 3rd Annual Family Day.

AF60 SEEN & HEARD

Check out the latest places where you may hear heard the AF60 Message through our Public Service Announcements, historic Heritage to Horizons Video, and news outlets!

AF60 PSA

Jun 17 – MLS: DC United Armed Forces Appreciation Day—AF60 PSA showcased on the Jumbotron at RFK Stadium

In the News

Jun 1 – [The Montgomery Advisor](#) promotes the fall AETC Symposium and AF60 ball hosted by the Air University.

Jun 5 – The Appeal-Democrat highlights AF60 and Beale, CA locals enjoyed a U-2 flyover for AF Week Sacramento kick-off.

Jun 13 – Pittsburgh CBS affiliate KDKA covers 'Wings over Pittsburgh,' noting the show's 60th Anniversary focus.

June 16: [VeloNews](#), the international website geared towards cyclists, covers the Crystal City Bike Race in its North America News section.

EVENTS ON THE HORIZON

The following is a list of upcoming events that will recognize or commemorate the Air Force's 60th Anniversary throughout the Air Force and civilian community.

2-Jul	Air Force Week-St Louis	St Louis, MO
3-Jul	Independence Day Concert and Celebration	Warner Robins, GA
4-Jul	AF Memorial 4th of July Event	Arlington, VA
4-Jul	4th of July Battle Creek Balloon Festival	Battle Creek, MI
4-Jul	Kennewick Boat Races	Kennewick, WA
7-Jul	NAACP 98 th Convention	Detroit, MI
9-Jul	LULAC 78 th Convention	Chicago, IL
14-Jul	Royal International Air Tattoo (RIAT)	RAF Fairford, UK
19-Jul	Living Legends (ATA): Desert Storm, Afghanistan, OIF/OEF	Arlington, VA
20-Jul	Fort Russell Frontier Days/Open House	Cheyenne, WY
21-Jul	Senior Leader Enlisted Summit	Maxwell AFB, AL
22-Jul	AMC Rodeo	McChord AFB, WA
22-Jul	RAGBRAI	Rock Rapids, IA
23-Jul	EAA Air Venture Oshkosh	Oshkosh, WI
28-Jul	Dayton Air Show	Dayton, OH
29-Jul	Daytona Air Show	Daytona Beach, FL

Air Force Flyovers and Band events commemorate the AF 60th Anniversary in their scripts and introductions. Events below are planned and subject to change.

Flyovers - 140+ events requested in July
For information on scheduled Flyovers visit:
<https://www.airshows.pa.hq.af.mil/PublicSite/Index.cfm?fwa=home>

Bands– 60+ events in July
For information on upcoming concerts for one or more of the 13 AF bands, please visit:
<http://www.af.mil/library/band/>

